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SUBJECT: EPA OFFICIAL VISIT FEBRUARY 2-5

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1. MRS. POPKIN WILL BE UNABLE TO VISIT ROME DUE TO EPA BUSINESS WHICH REQUIRES HER PRESENCE IN U.S. AT THAT TIME. REQUEST EMBASSY MODIFY HOTEL RESERVATIONS, AND INFORM EPA OF ANY CHANGES IN OFFICIAL MEETINGS WHICH MAY RESULT FROM MRS. POPKIN'S ABSENCE.
2. EPA APPRECIATES EXCELLENT SCHEDULE PROVIDED REFTTEL, AND HOPES THAT IT WILL REMAIN ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED SO THAT DR. OAKLEY WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR FUTURE EPA-ITALIAN EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION.
3. PERSONAL LETTER FROM MRS. POPKIN TO AMBASSADOR GARDNER FOLLOWS:

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AMBASSADOR RICHARD GARDNER
ROME

DEAR DICK:

THE ADMINISTRATOR AND MRS. BLUM HAVE ASKED ME TO PARTICIPATE IN A SENIOR STAFF CONFERENCE WHICH PRECLUDES

MY PLANNED VISIT TO ROME. HAPPILY, I CAN SAY THAT THIS IS ONLY A POSTPONEMENT, SINCE WE ARE DETERMINED TO REMOVE ITALY FROM THE LIST OF ENVIRONMENTAL "TERRA INCOGNITA" AND ESTABLISH A MUTUALLY USEFUL PROGRAM OF EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION.

DON OAKLEY WILL COME ON SCHEDULE AND CARRY ON WITH THE EXCELLENT MEETINGS WHICH YOU AND YOUR STAFF HAVE SET UP. AS THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF OUR BILATERAL PROGRAMS, DON WILL BE WELL PREPARED TO ASSESS THE ITALIAN SITUATION AND IDENTIFY THOSE SUBJECTS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHICH CAN BE THE BASIS FOR FUTURE WORK.

HAVING SEEN YOU ONLY BRIEFLY AT STATE, I REGRET THAT IT WILL BE LONGER THAN I HAD HOPED BEFORE WE HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK. I WILL KEEP IN TOUCH, AND RESCHEDULE MY VISIT AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

SINCERELY YOURS,

ALICE BRANDEIS POPKIN VANCE

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